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NEWSMAN SAYS HE HAS NEW LEAD IN EARHART CASE

TRACY, May 14—San Francisco newsman Fred Goerner last week told a Tracy audience he has new leads on the 1937 disappearance of aviatrix Amelia Earhart and her co-pilot Fred Noonan.

"I don't know whether I'll be going back to Saipan or not," Goerner told the Tracy Kiwanis Club Thursday night. He disclosed that information has come to him that the graves of Miss Earhart and Noonan may at last have been found on that Pacific island.

"But we can't afford to strike out again," said Goerner, whose previous visits to Saipan to investigate the disappearance were financed by the Columbia Broadcasting System. He earlier related how a previously opened grave proved a false lead, and plane wreckage found at Saipan turned out to be a Japanese plane instead of the Earhart craft.

He showed photos and listed Saipan residents who claim to have seen a couple who may have been Miss Earhart and Noonan on that island in 1937.

Goerner said he learned two weeks ago a witness to the burial of two white persons on Saipan had been located. He also said he has been told records of four Navy ships have been impounded by the Central Intelligence Agency and these may help him solve the mystery of whether the flyers ever were in Saipan.

Miss Earhart disappeared on a flight from New Guinea and is thought to have crashed near Howland Island.